

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(127)

CWP-28988-2019

Date of Decision: October 04, 2019

Maninderjit Singh and others

.. Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and another .. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioners is that though the petitioners had 23 years of service at the time of retirement but petitioners were not granted the benefit of the said promotional increment without any valid justification. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that keeping in view the Finance Circular dated 31.10.2018 (Annexure P-4), petitioners are fully eligible for the grant of the promotional increment.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further argues that the benefit of promotion as Junior Engineer has also not been extended to the petitioners though, persons junior to the petitioners, were promoted to the post of Junior Engineer ignoring the claim of the petitioners, without any valid justification.

The prayer of the petitioners, in the present writ petition, is for directing the respondents to grant the petitioners the benefit of promotional increment on completion of 23 years of service as well as promotion to the post of Junior Engineer with effect from the date, persons junior to them, were promoted.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have made representation dated 03.06.2019 (Annexure -5 Colly) to the respondents, which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Keeping in view the advance notice given, Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He raises no objection for the grant of prayer of the petitioners in deciding the representation in a time bound manner.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the representation dated 03.06.2019 (Annexure -5 Colly), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 03.06.2019 (Annexure -5 Colly), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No